Supplies and the Deputy Commissioners of the districts concerned.

557. *Skimmed Milk Powder.*—The entire quota of 378 tons of milk powder supplied by the State Trading Corporation of India Ltd., New Delhi to the State was distributed throughout the State through the fair price depots, co-operative societies, etc., at a uniform retail selling price of 65 nP. per pound.

558. The audit objections in respect of old Mysore State amounted to Rs. 29,41,124 and a fresh demand of Rs. 81,826 was booked during the year making a total of Rs. 3,02,21,950. Objections to the extent of Rs. 4,33,856 were cleared during the year leaving a balance of Rs. 25,89,094 at the end of the year. Local Audit Objection.

559. In the integrated areas of Belgaum and North Kanara Districts a total sum of Rs. 74,842 and Rs. 1,72,846 were outstanding at the end of the year.

560. A major change in the Food Policy during the year was the decision not to procure paddy/rice during the harvest of 1960. Another feature was the taking over of the distribution arrangements in respect of wheat supplied by the Central Government and sugar in the State.

(iii) Civil Supplies

561. The following Control Orders of the Government of India relating to the Textiles were under the Administration of the Civil Supplies Department during the year :— Textiles.

1. The Cotton Textiles Control Order, 1948.
2. The Cotton Textiles (Control of Movement) Order, 1948.
3. The Textile (Production by powerloom) Control Order, 1956.

562. The unauthorised powerlooms working on cotton yarn (under the Cotton Textiles Control Order, 1948) and non-cotton yarn [under the Textiles (Production by powerlooms) Control Order, 1956] were regularised by the Department.

563. The work relating to the compilation of retail and wholesale prices of certain selected varieties of Textiles

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from several centres in the State was attended to as per instructions of the Government of India every month and statements were furnished to the Government of India.

Cement.

564. The Mysore Cement Rationing and Licensing Order, 1957 continued to be in force during the year. As against the allotment of 2,20,500 tons of cement the Government of India enhanced the allotment to 2,52,964 tons.

565. The permit system for distribution of cement to the public was removed.

566. There were 466 cement stockists in the State at the close of the year.

Cotton.

567. The Cotton Control Order, 1955 continued to be in force. The Controller of Civil Supplies was the Cotton Licensing Authority for Mysore State in respect of B and C class Licenses during the year.

568. The total number of cotton licences issued, licences cancelled and renewed were 1,206, 130 and 1,010, respectively, during the year.

Infant Food.

569. In view of the easy supply position of Infant Foods like Horlicks, Ovaltine, etc., no control was introduced on them during the year.

570. The quota holders and stockists of Iron and Steel and scrap were checked by the Departmental staff for detecting misuse.

571. Periodical reports were also obtained regarding the availability and the prices of some of the essential commodities like yarn, tyres, kerosene, etc.

Finance.

572. The receipts and expenditure of the Department were Rs. 40,688 and Rs. 60,737 respectively.